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Mr. Thornton W. Merriam
437 West 59 Street
New York City

Dear Thornton:

My feeling is that the type of lady you describe ought to be able to find work in one of our colleges. I regret that we have no opening which we could invite her to fill at present. You doubtless know, of course, that among our leading schools are Howard University, Fisk University, Atlanta University, Virginia Union University, and Benedict College. If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Bill Nelson

Mr. Gable -
I wrote Nelson
re. the woman
whom you
spoke. He
is in my city for
quantity of
to talk
with him
Jan

Kirby
Just move for
Laura draws - not
much!

45-25. 48TH St.

Long Island City
N. Y.

April 2nd '35

My Dear Mrs. Page

I have just
received a request from
Mrs. Ludwig to paint
the windows & doors
of your place in Inwood
and I desire your O. K.

on it. The ⁽²⁾ porch particularly requires attention and as for the awnings Mrs. Ludwig suggests that instead of repairing them where necessary she thinks it would be just as cheap to get new ones. Let me know what you think at your earliest as I would like to get

⁽³⁾ started as soon as possible. I am giving you the price of painting the hallway too although I haven't had a chance of checking up on it and I may decide that a washing down will be sufficient. How are you enjoying yourself in California? I hope you and the Family

are keeping well. With
All Good Wishes.

Sincerely

Jos. P. MacDonald

Putting & Painting Windows
& Doors. (2 Coats) \$53

Painting, repairing
& hanging Screens \$9

Painting Hallway. \$16

P.S. If you decide to
have the work done send
me a check for a percentage
of cost. JPM

April 3, 1935

My dear Mr. O'Brien:

In reply to your letter of March 20 which reached me here I am sending you under separate cover a summary of replies from Theological seminary students. I think you will find this very helpful.

I hope you will keep me in touch with the thesis.

Cordially yours,

KP:mk

Mr. James J. O'Brien
Niagara University
New York, New York

*Questionnaire
Brochure*

4/25/35

April 3, 1935

Dear Harold:

We had a really remarkable Fellowship Conference on Saturday. The attendance was much larger than we had anticipated with about 350 delegates present. The group contained many of the most significant religious leaders in Southern California and we feel that a long step forward was taken. Among the persons who participated in the leadership of the Conference were President Mendenhall of Whittier College, Prof. Clarence M. Case of the Univ. of So. Calif, Fredrick Libby, the Rev. Frank M. Toothaker, and Allan Hunter, also myself.

Allan Hunter has had a recurrence of his old physical ailment and the doctor says that he must slow down. This means that he cannot continue to give the two or three days per week to the Fellowship so that arrangement will terminate at the end of the three month's period. He is willing to continue as chairman, however, and we are suggesting that Miss E. Mills be invited to assume extra responsibility. She is the Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee. We earnestly hope that the National Office will substitute a monthly payment of \$25.00 to her as secretary in place of the payment to Allan Hunter's colleague of \$41.66 per month.

Miss Mills is a proficient stenographer and ought not to be asked to take on this extra burden without some remuneration. She is really extraordinary in her line and I am sure we could not find anyone better.

The Pacific Coast Committee is planning to cooperate with Allan Hunter's church in securing part time cooperation from the Rev. Harold Slocum, but this will not involve any financial burden on the National Office

We are assuming that the arrangement talked over earlier will be carried through to the effect that the Pacific Coast Committee receives a refund of half the membership dues that come to the National Office from this region. We understand, of course, that gifts securing locally will be used by the Pacific Coast Committee.

We are having a Fellowship Conference in Berkeley

April 3, 1936

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Harold Fey:

tomorrow and another one in Seattle April 13th.
I hope an adequate supply of Fellowship material
has been already send to Seattle. You had better
hurry it along, but I have no doubt that this is
already taken care of.

Let me congratulate you on the second issue of the
FELLOWSHIP. I think it is exceptionally well done.
Carry on!

Cordially yours,

KP:mk

Mr. Harold Fey
Fellowship of Reconciliation
2929 Broadway
New York, New York

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April 3, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page,

Mr. Freeman suggested that I write you personally for the information which I am anxious to get about yourself

I am writing a term paper for my English class at college on the life of men with whose works we are acquainted. I have read thru your, "Living Creatively", "Living Triumphetly", and "The Personality of Jesus", and would like for you to send me any information you can let me have about your life and work from birth to date. I would like to get started on this at once and would appreciate an early reply.

Thanking you for anyway in which you can help me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Albert Mitchell
349 South Limestone St.
Lexington, Ky.

April 3, 1935

Dear Ethelwyn:

I have found President Mendenhall very responsive to the idea of forming a group. We talked about names, then I made up a list to whom I have written. The enclosed carbon will bring you up to date.

You will notice that several names which we discussed at the breakfast have not been included in this first list. It seemed wise not to send invitations to too large a company at the out-set as other names will certainly occur to us in time.

You will note that we have made two changes in the dates, December 19 and January 30 have been substituted for December 17 and January 28 because of conflicts on President Mendenhall's schedule. I hope that these new dates are satisfactory to you.

Cordially yours,

Encl.
KF:mk

Miss Ethelwyn Mills
1948 1/2 Rodney Dr.
Los Angeles, Calif.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Member Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States
and of the World's Committee

JEFFERSON AVENUE AT ELEVENTH STREET

TOLEDO, OHIO

April 3, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
337 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Kirby:

The local council on the Cause and Cure of War has asked me again to try to persuade you to take our Armistice Day Service which comes this year on November 10th. It is by far the biggest and most worth while peace meeting that we have in Toledo during the year. We can assure you of an audience of at least 1000. The service is held in one of our largest churches. It is beautifully planned throughout and very impressive. The council is made up of representatives of all women's organizations in the community. It has no funds and they have asked me to try to persuade you to come for your own expenses. It would be a great contribution for you to make if you can do it, and if your calendar is free.

My eagerness for you to come is not at all dimmed, ^{by the fact} that I shall not be in Toledo next fall. I am sailing early in July for Rio de Janeiro for six months of service as advisory secretary. Doesn't it sound thrilling?

You have no idea how excited I am over the possibility for that is a continent about which I know nothing and six months there during the winter season seems too good to be true. I will be returning back here the first of the year with no job, and I am really looking forward with a great deal of anticipation even to that uncertainty.

I am not offering my resignation here until the end of May, and while I don't think you would have any occasion to broadcast this information, I shall appreciate your saying nothing about it.

It was such fun to see you last ^{month} ~~summer~~ and to know something of the things you are doing.

We share in the Community Chest.

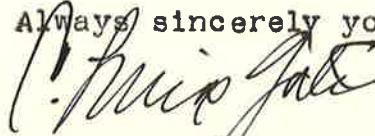
We are seeking to establish a permanent endowment by bequest, annuity and special gifts.

-2- Mr. Kirby Page.

It isn't easy to keep joyful in the world, particularly at the present moment, when the distress of Europe is augmented by local milk strikes and Elk's petitions against agitators etc. but it is spring, and the sun is shining and life is on the whole quite perfect.

Have a good summer. I hope the new house is going up to your complete satisfaction.

Always sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Louise Gates".

C. Louise Gates,
General Secretary.

CLG:JB



Student League for Industrial Democracy

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THE STUDENT OUTLOOK

April 4, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Whittier, Calif.

Dear Comrade Page:

When I returned to New York yesterday from the middle west, among many letters were two ^{Calif.} L.I.D. students who were planning their participation in the international student strike against war on April 12th. To my disappointment and surprise they wrote that you had not yet endorsed this greatest of all modern student demonstrations against war. Although they did not say so specifically, I wondered whether you perhaps had not been informed of the real nature of this demonstration and suspected it was a communist maneuver.

A year ago, the first strike was called at the suggestion of Joseph Lash of the L.I.D., and was endorsed only by the National Student League. This year, however, the strike has gained amazing momentum, has obtained the endorsement of the National Council of Methodist Youth, the Middle Atlantic Inter-Seminary Movement, and of United States Senators Nye, Clark, Bone, Pope, the N.Y. World-Telegram, Philadelphia Record, the N.Y. Post, the N.E.C. of the Socialist Party, as well as scores of local groups and of student publications. The Student Christian Movement has cooperated splendidly, although because of their organic set-up, they could not, as a national organization, officially sponsor the strike. They have sat in on the meetings and have sent out the strike publicity through their mailings. The National Student Federation of America has given us much favorable publicity, and has through the personnel of their national office, contributed much to the success of the strike. We are getting a response from everywhere that is absolutely unprecedented in our work. Small colleges, which have never before been touched, are participating by the dozens.

The Youth Section of the American League against War and Fascism, while the L.I.D. at first opposed permitting it to endorse the strike, has cooperated cordially and we cannot fairly complain that they have in any way sabotaged the preparations. In fact, after the L.I.D. had held up the admission of the American League for weeks, it was the insistence of the Methodist groups and the Inter Seminary groups which forced us to consent.

Devere Allen, Norman Thomas, Mayor Hoan and other leaders of the anti-war movement are speaking at meetings in the East at the hour of the strike. It will be a material blow to the support of the strike if you, who have so long pioneered in the fight of students against war, are not with us on this, the greatest of days of the modern youth movement against war.

Sincerely,

Monroe M. Sweetland

P.S. We received word yesterday from California that Frank Toothaker had stated that the National Council of Methodist Youth was not officially in the strike. (Con.)

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

SEATTLE

April 4, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
c/o R. B. Culver
Linfield College
McMinnville, Oregon

Dear Kirby:

Note the inclosed from Putnam who is arranging the luncheon in Portland. Please let him know not later than Monday, April 8th, your wish as to the Reed College engagement. I have suggested to him that it might crowd you so as to lose the real value of the luncheon engagement, which in my judgment should be primary. You know the lay of the land there as well as I do, and I leave the decision entirely in your hands.

On Thursday noon, April 11th, the Seabeck Committees of the Y.M. and Y.W. are planning a Seabeck luncheon with you as principal speaker. We want you to interpret the value of the conference from any angle that you may choose. The general thought was that it would give you a good opportunity with that group of leaders to state the basic stresses and strains in our religious and social life which students must face if they are to be realists, and then suggest that the conference provides a finer opportunity for more thorough study along these lines than is provided when school is on.

I regret to report that the University administration has cancelled your Friday morning assembly, due to the student strike against war. The strike is being engineered ^{largely} by young Communists here and ^{the} feeling is that the proximity of dates would inevitably mean an identification of your messages with this strike, which locally we do not believe is at all desirable. I therefore endeavored to schedule a date for you on Thursday, April 11th, but the attitude is that any date that week would be identified with the uproar which the strike is causing. Because of this we are arranging afternoon forums in a nearby church.

Be sure to reach Seattle in time for the luncheon on Thursday noon, April 11th.

Truly yours,

Herb

H. L. Seamans
General Secretary

HIS/P

PS The Strike is taking new & interesting form every hour. Our groups are making certain proposals which will keep most anything away from the time you arrive here. #

Member of the Seattle Community Fund

**FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA**

April 5, 1935.

My dear Dr. Page:

Your letter of April 3rd is received. I thank you for it, and for your very kind invitation to me to become a member of the group of persons which you suggest. It is indeed a significant venture which you propose, and I am interested in it.

I am planning, however, to leave for an extended vacation in Europe in the near future. The time of my return is a bit uncertain and so I hesitate to accept your invitation now.

With warm personal regard,

Cordially yours,



Dr. Kirby Page
240 South Bright Ave.,
Whittier, California.

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April 5, 1935.

Dear Kirby,

It is my impression that we are both to be present at the Petit Jean conference, April 26-28, in Arkansas. While I am encroaching on your territory in the topic I suggested (before I heard that you were to be present): Justice Without Violence, I am probably to spend most of my energy helping Mr. Hunter's student YMCA, and I shall be very glad to have a good visit with you.

We can talk then about your visit to the South next February.

I very much hope that you will not leave Jackson, Miss.. out of your schedule. I think that Raymond McClinton is writing to you. That is on your way from New Orleans to Birmingham with little loss on mileage or, I think, schedule.

It would be easy for me to arrange a week-end conference in Atlanta. I am inclined to think that I should allow Birmingham the preference, if you are willing. It may be that you should build on your Atlanta contacts. I think that it would be possible to build a good Monday conference in Atlanta on Feb. 17.

It is probably not worth while to discuss details beyond Atlanta until you have decided on that part. I suggest however that Kentucky would mean quite a detour, and could perhaps be covered better sometime from Cincinnati.

I made a good talk (believe it or not) on Trends Toward Fascism last Sunday in a conference in Nashville of about 100 white and colored Protestants, and Jews. I am to give almost the same talk in our Southern Policy Group here next week. Last week I made a quick trip to Washington at A.F. of L. request, to testify in behalf of the Connery Bill, in the House Committee on Military Affairs. It would require the consent of the Secretary of War for National Guards to use federal equipment when the governor calls them in a labor dispute. It will probably not get out of committee, but I had a good hearing, and my study went into the record. Perhaps four of the fifteen committee members are favorable. The rest will plead local interests, i.e., states' rights: what they mean is property interests. I plead for a dual control as a means of limiting strike-breaking by troops.

Eddie is sweeping the office! He's nearly three.

Our Institute is in fair shape I think. It will prevent me from attending either Hollister or Blue Ridge: I was invited to both.

Greetings to the family, and to President Mendenhall.

Nevin did good work for us in the South.

Always with affection, *Claud.*

It was a relief to get the remaining \$250 from Christian Social Justice Fund: E. Gilman criticized the study vigorously.

April 8, 1935.

Dear Comrade Page:

The State Committee of the Socialist Party of Maryland met yesterday at Hagerstown. The State Chairman is Wm. Monroe of Cumberland, and he is very anxious to have you speak for an audience there. I am sorry to say that they have no money for honoraria. In fact, they want to make money for the United Drive, by charging admission for the meeting which they want you to address. I promised to ask you whether within the next few months there is any possibility of your being in their neighborhood. Apparently, Pittsburgh is the nearest center--a good deal nearer than Baltimore. If you think this is within the realm of possibility, will you let me know and I will then try to get more definite information for you. Perhaps you know Professor Robert Kerlin, just over the boundary line in West Virginia. He is a comrade and I feel sure would be most cooperative in such a meeting.

The Cumberland comrades are mostly trade unionists--a fine set of men, but slow on the trigger, especially at writing letters. Comrade Monroe is a man in his sixties, I should judge, and a fine type.

Any consideration you can give to their request I should appreciate very much.

Yours fraternally,

Elisabeth Gilman

Mr. Korby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.



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Kirby Page

240 South Bright Ave.

Whittier, California

My dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your letter of March 27th. I shall be glad if, when you are in New York, we might have a chance for conversation.

It does not seem to me that it is particularly "Communitistic strategy" which is hastening the coming of fascism in the United States. The trend toward fascism inheres in the decadence of capitalism itself, and is but the logical climax in its collapse. However, the Communists do appear to be more economically realistic as to the course of events leading up to an American fascism than are our Christians.

Anyway, our immediate problem is not whether we shall have "violent" or "non-violent" revolution in this country, but rather how we are to keep this country out of the next war, and how we are to preserve what political liberties we yet possess. And, as John Strachey has been pointing out, with the approval of American Communist leaders, Communists do not advocate violence as a means of social change, even if they do predict that in the last stages of profit-system, violence will be initiated from the "right". Even you predict fascist violence, but we do not therefore charge you with advocating it.

In view of Dr. George Albert Coe's recent article in the "Christian Century", "When Pacifism Turns Sectarian", I think it devolves upon you now to define and distinguish between "violence" and "non-violence", and to demonstrate wherein the American League Against War and Fascism preaches or practices "violence".

Very sincerely yours,

Lee H. Ball

Lee H. Ball, Secretary
National Religious Committee

LHB:DF

CHAPMAN COLLEGE

FORMERLY CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

766 NORTH VERMONT AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 9, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

Dear Kirby:

I greatly appreciate the invitation that you have extended to me to join a conference group. I wish that it were possible for me to work with you. But I am so rushed at present with our financial and prospective student campaigns that I hardly have time to eat and sleep. The only way that I could join your group would be to steal the time from these other efforts, and I feel that that would not be fair during the coming year.

As you may know, we are facing quite a serious financial crisis. I feel certain that everything will come out all right, but with the heavy mortgage that was placed against our school in the early days, and having gone through our depression without being able to keep up entirely on current expenses, it becomes necessary to get more gifts and also to enlarge our student body. That means strenuous work for all of us in the administrative department. We are at the task 7 days in the week, and must keep at it tirelessly for at least another year in order to keep every body happy.

Thanking you again for your invitation, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. F. Cheverton
President

CFC:ms

April 9, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

At the meeting of the Emergency Peace Group held at the West Side Y.M.C.A. March 26th a Nominating Committee consisting of Elinor Byrns, Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein, and Dr. Jessie Wallace Hughan was appointed to select the names of a number of persons to serve as an Emergency Anti-War Committee.

The work of this Emergency Anti-War Committee is of the utmost importance and we sincerely hope that you will accept nomination as a member and be able to serve.

The first meeting of the Committee will be held Tuesday, April 16th, at 4:45, at 171 West 12th Street (Apt. 5 B). There will be every opportunity for you to render valuable service to the cause, and we trust earnestly that you will be able to attend this first meeting. Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you will serve and whether we may expect you on Tuesday, April 16th.

Yours sincerely

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Elinor Byrns
Sidney E. Goldstein
Jessie W. Hughan

171 West 12th Street, N.Y.

April 9, 1935.

Miss Elisabeth Gilman,
513 Park Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Miss Gilman:

Kirby Page is on the Pacific Coast at the present time and will not be East of the Mississippi for some time, - certainly not within the next six months. If you wish to address him directly, please do so at Box 247, La Habra, Calif.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

JM/L

SHERWOOD EDDY

347 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

April 10, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

I expect to make a tour of the colleges in the United States and perhaps Canada, beginning next October, with my new fellow-worker, Samuel Franklin, Jr., a young man of great promise, who spent five years as a missionary in Japan and has recently been attending the Union Theological Seminary.

We shall handle a great deal of literature and I am anxious to find some pamphlet on the devotional life that will give a series of readings or studies, - the best that can be found for students. Do you know of anything satisfactory in print? It will have to be cheap. Or do you know of anything I could reprint and afford to sell for about 10¢, which is what we charge for nearly all of our pamphlets, such as "What Religion Means to Me", one of our old pamphlets?

Ever affectionately yours,

Sherwood

Mr. Kirby Page,
c/o Herbert L. Seamans,
Y.M.C.A. of the Univ. of Washington,
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April 11, 1935

Dear Kirby:

I wonder whether you are to be in the Northwest or on the Pacific Coast within the next few weeks. I am leaving tonight and shall be in Tacoma April 15-17 and in Portland April 18 -28. I am then planning to go down to an Asilomar conference, April 30 to May 4. Perhaps I can cross your track somewhere.

I do need your help in an article for our Womans Press magazine. In fact, I know no one who can do for us what you can do at the point of our need. Would you be willing to write an article for the September issue of the Womans Press? This is the burden of my desire for this article.

It seems to me that people need very specific help in making an experiential and practical hitch between what we call personal religion and what has been called a social approach to the gospel. We have young industrial secretaries, for instance, who are hot on the crusade for the right, but who are very much puzzled in trying to make articulate the relation of religion or religious philosophy or techniques in the field of religion to the area of their social concerns. We have older board women also, brought up on the old line personal religion, who feel that possibly there may be something to which they can turn in the field of public affairs but who have not been able to gear their understanding of God and his demands upon their lives with their social philosophy, feeble as that may be. I think that people need very specific helps, almost methods in this business of understanding and approaching the religious values of the present scene. Would you be willing to write something for us out of your thinking along this line? I did so much like your two books, Living Triumphantly and Living Creatively.

Could you do something for us within the compass of 2000 words? We should have to have it about the first of July, or thereabout. Our vacation schedules make a rather rocky path to the September issue. I know that you are on your own now and therefore cannot be too generous with your time. Incidentally, I am publishing the magazine without a cent for the payment of articles. In your case I should like to make an exception and grant you out of the sum for "production" the enormous sum of fifteen dollars for this piece of work. Would you be willing to do it?

Sincerely yours,

Rhoda E. McCulloch
Rhoda E. McCulloch
Editor-in-Chief

REMc:JAH

Mr. Kirby Page
240 S. Bright Avenue, Whittier, Cal.

Southern Arizona School for Boys

"In the Sunshine Climate"

Tucson, Arizona

GEORGE A. HARPER
HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSELL B. FAIRGRIEVE
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

April 12, 1935.

My dear Dr. Page:

Mr. Harper and I have been discussing the matter of whom we could have to give the little talk on the night of the Senior Reception, Friday, May 17th.

Yesterday, I talked with Dr. Buswell, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tucson and altogether we decided that if it would be possible for us to have you come here to give a brief talk on the 17th, and then to remain to speak at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 19th, we would all be very much pleased.

I do not know of course what your plans are at this time, or whether you are going to be in this section of the country. The matter of the expenses too is something that both Dr. Buswell and our school necessarily must take into consideration. If it would be possible for you to come and you would care to do so, would you please let us know at your earliest convenience what expenses we would have in connection with the trip here.

The news of Kirby's satisfactory work in Whittier has been pleasing to all of us and we hope that he will keep this good work up. Everything has gone along splendidly in the school this year. We have had a capacity enrollment and the prospects for the coming year are quite encouraging.

*Regretfully
declined*

Dr. Page, page 2.

With kindest regards and best wishes to
Mrs. Page, you and Kirby, in which Mr. and Mrs.
Harper and Mrs. Fairgrieve join me, I am

Very cordially yours,



Russell B. Fairgrieve

Dr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, California.

Stillaguamish County Club -
Wilton, Wn

Friday Apr. 12 1935

My dear Kirby -

This is Ray Roberts, from
his little cabin on the river sending
you greetings and also the other
members of the F. O. R.

I am offering up a little prayer
for you & the conference right now
and Saturday ^{all day}, I will be in the
spirit of prayer for you and
the fellowship group.

Very sorry not to be able to be with
you but I am up here alone trying
to repair my ailing stomach. I am
all alone. Take a day off and come up
to spend a day in prayer & fasting & fellowship.
In the spirit of peace - yours
Ray C. Roberts

Seattle, Washington
April 12, 1935

Mr. Monroe M. Sweetland
112 E. 19th St.
New York City

My dear Monroe:

Your very important letter finally caught up with me two days ago, here in Seattle. This accounts for the long delay in replying. I have consulted with strike committees and had a small part in helping to stage demonstrations on several campuses. At U.C.L.A., communists were so dominate that I was unable to co-operate. The same thing was true at the University of California where I was, but at the University of Oregon, Chapman College, Reed College and the College of Puget Sound, I was able to push the movement along.

I wish that we could sit down for a long talk about this question of the United Front with the N.S.L. I am strongly convinced that we should begin to plan now for anti-war demonstrations at armistice time and again next April, I think we could get a genuine united front on the part of religious pacifists and some churches who repudiate the war method. Everywhere I have gone I have found the utmost enthusiasm for such a demonstration. At the University of Oregon the strike called was explicit in its disavowal of violence in the class war. There the strike was a demonstration against the war method, whether the war be between nations or classes. If we begin now to plan for genuine unqualified anti-war demonstrations in November, and again next April, I think something enormously significant could be arranged. The evidence is interestingly convincing to me that an effort to

unite with communist groups and groups that are dominated by communists merely weakens the effectiveness of our protest. I am confident that the young peoples' movements of various churches could be enlisted as well as the student Y.M.C.A and Y.W.C.A. and other religious groups. I hope you will write me frankly what you think about this kind of possibility.

Cordially yours,

KP/DB

240 South Bright Ave.
Whittier, California

accepted this -
two-year lease
at \$75 per

4010 - 44 St.
Sunnyside, L. I.
April 13, 1935

Dear Mr. Page -

We recently applied to the City Housing Corp. for a six room apartment, and Mrs. Pearson suggested yours. We have seen it, and like it very much indeed.

We would like to rent it, and would be willing to take it over on June first, which date I am advised would be agreeable to the Lewins. The apartment needs re-decorating, and some minor repairs, which I feel sure you would have properly taken care of. There is one thing I should like to ask about further. Would you be willing to have the wall between the living room and the rear room (which I understand was your den) torn down, so that we would have one large living room? It makes a vast improvement in the

(3)

Mrs. Pearson can vouch for us. Furthermore, Howard J. Williams and Dr. Eddy know us well. My brother-in-law, Mr. Philip Schiff, has been a tenant of Dr. Eddy for over ten years.

I have a responsible position with the Commercial Casualty Insurance Co. with whom I have been since 1929.

Will you be kind enough to reply at your earliest convenience - either directly to me or to Mrs. Pearson at the City Housing? I trust that you will acquiesce to the permanent improvement I suggest - I am sure that it would increase the value and desirability of the home.

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home. Dr. Audrie's home has had that wall removed, and it makes a beautiful room in deed. I am told that a good job, including replastering, could be done for \$25. or \$30. In return for this, we would be glad to give a two year lease with you, at \$75. per month. This would give you ample evidence of our good faith - it would only be our desire to make it our comfortable home - and I can assure you that we would take as good care of things as tho it were our own property.

A word about myself. We (Mrs. Hub, my two children + myself) have resided in Junnyside for more than four years. We are reasonably well known, I believe.

Sincerely yours —

Jose S. Hub



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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

April 14, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I feel so badly that I let you go West without a note telling you what a clear and superb statement you made on the afternoon that we met at the Seminary to discuss the strategy in the social struggle.

I am deeply grateful for your sincerity and clarity and singleness of purpose. We who are all struggling for such great issues must stand by each other and support each other and that means among other things letting each other know when we get special help as I did from you that day.

Sincerely,

Winnifred Wygal
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Secretary
Laboratory Division

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San Dimas, California

April 15, 1935

Dear Kirby:-

I am very enthusiastic about your suggestion of getting about twenty people together for worship and discussion a number of times during the year. And my wife and I would be glad to join this group and both feel that we would derive great benefit from it.

The only difficulty that I can see is the time of meeting. The hours from four to six are a period here at our school when I should always be here. A number of times things come up which render it practically impossible for me to do so, and I hardly feel justified in promising to be at the meetings as early as four o'clock, for I am afraid that there would be some times when I simply could not do it. I do feel sure however that we could be there at six or six-thirty each time, and whenever possible we would come at four o'clock.

I have already written in my book the times you mention and will look forward to this fellowship with keen anticipation.

Cordially yours,

Jerry.

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Ave.
Whittier, California

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April 15, 1935

Dear Kirby:

Letters have been written to Buffalo, Rochester, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Boston, and New Haven suggesting the dates you have mentioned. We have also suggested in each one of these letters that they might want to take advantage of your presence to hold an anniversary conference since our twentieth anniversary comes this fall.

We have been getting excellent reports and a good increase in membership applications from the west coast recently. You are doing a great work. I am glad you have had the privilege of being at home again for a while and hope it may be possible for me to gather my own family together some of these days.

Sincerely,

Harold E. Fey

Mr. Kirby Page
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Dear Kirby:

I am most gladly and expectantly presenting you another opportunity to speak to some UCLA faculty and students.

On the evening of Thursday, May 23rd, the two Christian associations are arranging what we call "An international, inter-racial host-guest banquet." We expect about seventy-five to eighty faculty and students to bring guests from other races or nations. There should be around the table one hundred and fifty or more representing eighteen or twenty nations. A few of the consulates will send representatives also.

With the above description of the character of the audience you need little more said about it. We are trying to promote good will, friendship, cooperation, and constructive peace making. You will know what should be said to this company.

Tell us that you will come. I phoned "your lady" last evening. She said you were to be here that week. The Christian Associations really haven't any money beyond a couple of dollars for gas to bring you and your family over from Whittier unless for reasons you simply must have a small honorarium. In this case I will personally try desperately to find some. I know you will be very frank with me.

Enclosed is an air-mail envelope for your reply.

The committee of students and secretaries are absolutely unanimous in you as their first choice for speaker. We are full of hope that you will say YES.

Yours all ways and always,

Gale Seaman

Gale Seaman

GS:BH

INTER-COLLEGIATE DINNER-PROGRAM, CHAPMAN COLLEGE, FRIDAY, MAY 3

*Declined
regretfully*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION
The Society for Ethical Culture in the City of New York
Central Park West and 64th Street

April 16, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

On Friday evening, May 10th, at 8:30
the Young People's Organization of the New York
Ethical Society is planning a forum to be entitled
"Social Change - Is Violence Necessary?" Mr. A. J.
Muste will uphold the necessity for violence in
achieving significance. ^{change} I would like very much to
have you present a realistic non-violent program.
Will you participate? Please let me know soon.

If you cannot be with us will you
kindly recommend the names ^{and addresses} of fairly well known
individuals who might present a point of view like
your own?

Sincerely yours,

Saul Bernstein

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Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

I don't want you to think that every time I read one of your articles I am going to take the time to compliment you, but at the same time I can't pass your article in the April 17 issue of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, "How Can We Face the Crisis?" without again expressing an appreciative word. We are going to quote two or three of your statements in our own magazine CONSUMERS' COOPERATION, particularly the following, which to the writer's mind is one of the finest that's ever been made:

"Success at the polls will prove to be inadequate unless the new administration is supported by tremendous economic power. For this reason the creation of a powerful nationwide labor movement and a massive consumers' cooperative movement is imperatively required. Without the colossal power of organized labor and organized consumers, control of government could not be secured or maintained."

I feel likewise as you do that everywhere over this country we need groups made up primarily of preachers and professors who will supply the inspiration and information behind the organization of labor unions, consumers' cooperatives and political groups to build a cooperative economic democracy.

Harold Fey asked us for an article on the Cooperative Movement for a recent issue of FELLOWSHIP, which has brought a splendid response, indicating a keen interest among the members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the Cooperative Movement.

Yours truly,

THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE

E. R. Bowen

General Secretary

ERB ko

P. S. The enclosed leaflet "Learn All About Consumers' Cooperation" will give you the names of the various wholesales. We have entered the names of the managers in each case, as we have no doubt you will wish to contact some of them when you are in these various cities. You will find these leaders to be an outstanding group of socially minded men.

4-16-1935-

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Ave.,
Whittier, California.

Dear Doctor Page: My delay in replying to your greatly valued letter has been caused by my desire to be sure the proposed group is the kind of gathering wherein I should not be too likely to strike a discordant note. While I value the inner life in its deepest mystical aspects as the most precious thing in the world, I have to admit that I am extremely given to action in preference to contemplation. For this reason I have always fought shy of "retreats" in every form, regarding the name as all too accurate, as well as somewhat sentimental. Indeed the very name of the Fellowship of Reconciliation has always repelled me for that reason.

However, your great record for militant crusading against war and economic exploitation is a guarantee against too much subjectivism, and the plan as you sketched it sounds promising, especially

Kirby Page #2.

Your proposal to grapple with major problems. If we do that the spiritual fellowship will come in as a by-product to our common effort, as it always must; being, like happiness, a thing not found by direct seeking but as incidental to walking in a certain way, which may even seem at times to lead away from it.

The persons you name are all immensely worth while, and such as it would be a privilege to know better. So if you still think I could fit into the group I should be glad to come to the first meeting on probation. I have a rather definite plan of mission work to the churches in mind - something along the line I mentioned to you at Mount Hollywood church. The group you name might be the ones to launch such a movement.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence M. Case

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WICKERSHAM 2-6210

April 17, 1935.

TO HOME OWNERS IN SUNNYSIDE GARDENS:

We wish to comment upon the "Valuation Brief" recently issued by the Consolidated Home Owners' Mortgage Committee and to correct the erroneous figures contained therein regarding original costs of Sunnyside homes.

In the "Valuation Brief" one tabulation is given for each type of house (one, two and three families). The "Valuation Brief" must therefore intend to set forth average costs of each of these types. We enclose herewith a tabulation showing our actual costs averaged for each type of house throughout Sunnyside to correspond with the tabulation in the "Valuation Brief".

The figures shown in the Mortgage Committee's "Brief" were not obtained from our records. The attorney for the Committee stated that the brief was largely based on a magazine article written by one of the Sunnyside architects. This article does not purport to set forth Sunnyside costs, but contains a table giving composite figures based in part upon Sunnyside costs of one year's construction as interpreted by this architect, in part on projects other than Sunnyside, and in part theoretical. The author of the article in question has made this explanation to us in the last few days and regrets that his article was mistakenly used as the basis for a statement of Sunnyside costs.

Not only were land and construction costs incorrectly stated in the "Brief", but several items were omitted which obviously enter into the cost of constructing and selling a house and which cannot possibly be classified as "promotion, selling cost and profit on sale". We refer to such items as taxes and interest during construction, mortgage and legal expense, etc. Other parts of the "Brief" contain expressions of opinion as to reproduction costs, operating expenses, etc. We believe that these estimates are as inaccurate as are the statements of fact above referred to, and base this belief on our experience in recent building operations as well as on the results which we have obtained in operating Sunnyside houses.

It is quite true that values have declined at Sunnyside as well as everywhere else. It is greatly to be regretted that the interests of all parties concerned, especially the home owner, have been further jeopardized by the public dissemination of this misleading "Brief" which is bound to have a further depressing effect on the value of every house at Sunnyside. Already first mortgagees have communicated with us and stated that the valuation placed upon Sunnyside properties by this Committee of home owners, will make it more difficult to renew mortgages in this community. There can be no doubt that the market value of the entire development has been adversely and unfairly affected by the publication of this "Brief".

The average figures which we are sending you were compiled from our actual cost records. These are available for your inspection at our New York office.

Yours very truly,
CITY HOUSING CORPORATION

By Alexander M. Bing,
President.

4/17/35

COSTS OF HOUSES - SUNNYSIDE GARDENS

| | <u>One Family House</u> | | <u>Two Family House</u> | | <u>Three Family House</u> | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>% of Sales Price</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>% of Sales Price</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>% of Sales Price</u> |
| Lot Cost (improved) | \$1,219. | 13.57 | \$1,747. | 13.68 | \$2,483. | 13.46 |
| Construction Cost (a) | 5,831. | 64.85 | 8,534. | 67.07 | 11,914. | 64.67 |
| Estimated Average Taxes & Interest during Construction | 279. | 3.10 | 407. | 3.19 | 573. | 3.10 |
| " " Mortgage & Legal Exp. | 139. | 1.54 | 204. | 1.60 | 287. | 1.54 |
| " " Administration & Const'n. Supervision | 293. | 3.25 | 406. | 3.19 | 518. | 2.80 |
| " " Sales Expense | 222. | 2.47 | 303. | 2.37 | 431. | 2.33 |
| " " Come-back Work | 122. | 1.36 | 194. | 1.52 | 240. | 1.30 |
| " " Margin (b) | 887. | 9.86 | 940. | 7.38 | 1,993. | 10.80 |
| Sales Price | \$8,992. | 100. | \$12,735. | 100. | \$18,439. | 100. |

- (a) Construction cost includes the cost of labor and materials for the construction of the buildings and the yard work, field overhead, permits, architects' fees (approximately 2-1/2% of the cost of the building), contractors' fees on first, second and third units (approximately 3.85% of the construction cost).
- (b) Margin includes expense of general promotion, collection of monthly charges on mortgages, also contingencies, such as loss on second mortgages, etc., and if anything remained after these items, the balance would be profit.

In this tabulation, the cost of the houses in each classification (one, two and three family) has been averaged.

SHERWOOD EDDY
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 18, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

We are in the midst of a battle royal at Sunnyside where the City Housing threatens to put thirty-two families on the street. Over 300 families have signed the request to the Committee, of which Charlie Laue is the moving spirit, that they negotiate for the reduction of interest charges on the First Mortgages from 6 to 3%.

Three Hundred of us have gone on strike and are making no payments whatsoever on their property. I hope you are one of us. Certain papers are enclosed for your information. These are amazing revelations. It is the crumbling of capitalism. I tried to give one house away and found I cannot do so. There is a loss in a year on one of my two-family houses, of 5 rooms each apartment, of \$300. If I were willing to pay \$1000 to someone to take the property he could not afford to take it, for I would be held responsible for the First Mortgage, until the other chap assumed the responsibility, which he is unwilling to do because it would be too great a burden. It is a mess! One would have to go into legal bankruptcy and I cannot do that.

I hope you are not making payments on your house. Simply answer no letters and pay no attention at all to communications received until this battle is won.

All is going well. I found I was overworking and had an attack of indigestion for a day or two at the beginning of the week but am feeling better and am off again.

Sam Franklin sailed last Saturday for Scotland where he will get his PhD. at Edinburgh, joining the party in London in July. It looks as if Kerry will be our group leader and Sam will assist him.

I hope to have a fairly free month in May and will begin the June conferences at Estes Park where I will June 7-8, then to Hollister for the 10th, an Ohio conference June 11-12, Lake Geneva June 13-14 and Camp Becket June 16-17.

Affectionately,

Sherwood
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April 17th, 1935

Dr. Kirby Page
240 So. Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Mrs. Pierson advises me that she had a letter from you yesterday with reference to your apartment. She tells me that you are willing to permit any redecorating that may be necessary.

I thought that I would write to you again. I say "again" since I wrote you an air mail letter a few days ago which I trust you have received by now.

If you wish me to make arrangements with a competent decorator on your behalf, I shall be glad to undertake the responsibility. You can be sure that I would handle the matter for you as though it were my own home. I am, of course, also very much interested in knowing whether you would permit the tearing down of the living room wall as I suggested in my first letter.

Will you be kind enough to wire me whether you will accept us as tenants and of the arrangements that you would like to make with me. I am asking for this by telegram simply because of the length of time it ordinarily takes for me to hear from you by letter from California.

If we are to move in on June 1st, it will be essential for me to give notice to our present landlord on or before May 1st. I feel that this courtesy is due them.

I trust that I may have a telegram from you and that your decision will be favorable.

Very truly yours,

City Manager
DISABILITY DIVISION

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Dear Friend:

Will you join us in signing the enclosed open letter to the people of Japan? Each of us has shared in the multitude of protests which have been raised against the fleet maneuvers in the North Pacific. These protests have not had their desired effect, so it is now necessary that our brothers and sisters in Japan be assured of our continued friendship and informed that a determined effort to have the maneuvers cancelled has been made. If we remain silent, they will have no means of knowing that these maneuvers do not have overwhelming popular support, whereas the opposite is true.

It is the plan to release this message in Japan and the United States on May 3rd, the day when the maneuvers begin. Kagawa estimates that not more than one per cent of the Japanese people are in sympathy with the military program of their government, but that the masses accept it because they are fearful of aggression by the United States. We Christians in America must reassure them if we can. Will you please share in this letter by signing your name to the enclosed postcard and mailing it at once to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 2929 Broadway, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Emerson Fosdick

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An Open Letter

To The People of Japan

In the name of peace we greet you, our brothers and sisters in Japan. For eighty-one years our two nations have maintained friendly relations. During this time each country has developed in parallel growth the strength and wealth of modern statehood. The broad expanse of the Pacific Ocean has become a highway on which the mighty commerce between yourselves and us is carried without danger. The great germinal ideas of our basic world culture move freely between the two nations. Through the miracles of modern communication the years have united our two peoples more firmly in the bonds of universal brotherhood.

We write this letter of good will at this time because this cherished bond might be menaced by a plan announced by our government which we regard as highly unimaginative and mistaken. We refer to the decision of the Navy Department of the United States to hold maneuvers of a large fleet in the North Pacific during the month of May. While these maneuvers may have been ordered simply as part of the routine idea of naval men to exercise the fleet from time to time in such ways as will promote its technical efficiency, we are strongly opposed to this move because no matter how honestly meant to be without offense to any other nation, such maneuvers will hardly escape misinterpretation by sensation-mongers and individuals in each nation who are in position to profit from the creation of fear and suspicion. We desire to convey to you, therefore, the knowledge that many thousands of our citizens, especially those who constitute the membership of our churches and synagogues, have protested against the holding of these maneuvers. Great meetings have been and are being held, officials have been visited and thousands of letters and telegrams of protest have been sent. Multitudes of our people, whether connected with the institutions of religion or not, oppose these maneuvers and join us in spirit as we convey to you our assurances of continued and undiminished friendship.

In the spirit of equality and brotherhood we therefore ask you to unite with us in redoubling our efforts to maintain our historic friendship and in opposing every effort that is likely to lead to mistrust between our peoples. Together let us move forward in peace and justice to greater service to humanity, weaving the broad seaways of the mighty Pacific into unbreakable bonds of unity in the world community.

Sincerely yours,

W. Russell Bowie

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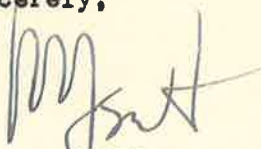
Dear Kirby:

I certainly am loathe to write this note because it ought to be a note sending you a check but we are absolutely without funds and it simply cannot be done, but I want you to know that we are worrying about the \$25 that is still due you and hope that some kind friend will send us a check soon so that we can in turn send one to you.

I am glad that we can count on you for that week in New England and I am writing to our committees to discover if there is any objection to your having conferences during the day.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mary W. Hillyer
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Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

Many thanks for your brief note of March 7. I follow your work, though from afar, with enthusiasm and appreciation. It is good to know of the possibility of your visiting China in the near future.

I have written a long letter to Sherwood Eddy regarding the proposed visit of a deputation consisting of you, Niebur, Henry Crane and possibly himself next year. At the moment I am very much afraid that we do not have the American personnel or the Chinese staff leadership necessary to insure an effective program for such a deputation. I hope in the near future, after certain developments become more clear, and following consultation with others, to be able to write him more definitely in reply to his inquiry.

The results of Sherwood's visit last fall continue to manifest themselves. We are working hard toward setting up and sending out this fall an all Chinese team to talk about youth and religion. There has not yet been time to think conclusively regarding the program in 1936, but we must get at it before long.

Your last visit to China is favorably remembered. My guess is that should you come out next year you would wish to deal mainly with the root causes of war rather than to press a pacifist position upon your audiences. Pacifism is a very difficult position for even internationally minded Christians to maintain under existing conditions in this part of the world, and there is undoubtedly a prejudice against pacifists coming from countries which are armed to the teeth and trying to convince helpless China not to arm herself. Personally I would trust your wisdom in handling the matter should circumstances make it seem wise for you to come next year.

I am writing this letter simply to acknowledge your note and to let you know the present immaturity of our thinking regarding Sherwood's proposal of a deputation next year.

Yours always,

E. E. Barnett

Eugene E. Barnett

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Dr. G. Sherwood Eddy,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sherwood:

I am not yet in a position to write with any definiteness in reply to your important letter of February 26 regarding the possibility of a visit in China in 1936 from Niebur, Crane, Kirby Page and yourself. I wish, however, to acknowledge the receipt of this letter and to let you know that we have it in mind. What we should advise as to the coming next year of one or more of the persons mentioned depends of course on a number of factors which unfortunately we do not now have final knowledge on.

You understand as well as anyone the cost in China of making a visit from abroad effective. Your insistence each time that you have come on adequate provision being made for someone who can make the necessary preparations has been fully justified. Moreover the effectiveness of your visits has depended very largely upon the men who have been assigned to work alongside of you before, during and following your visits.

May I digress long enough to say that many people in their ignorance of China and their inexperience do not see what I have just pointed out so clearly as you do. I have been greatly provoked a number of times in recent years by suggestions from the United States and Canada that instead of sending out permanent or long term secretaries the International Committee might well adopt a new policy of sending "outstanding leaders" from North America for short visits in which they will share their rich experience with leaders in China. They little realize how helpless they would be without men on the field to set up the conditions under which they are able to function at all.

Having gotten this digression off my chest, let me say that our inability to answer your inquiry just now is due to the meager staff, particularly American staff, now on the field. I need only remind you that we have only nine International Committee secretaries (that is, wholly supported by the International Committee and available for whatever demands we might wish to make upon them) on the China staff. Moreover it has been several years since any furloughs have been granted and as soon as furlough travel becomes available we have a number of furloughs banked up which must be taken.

By next year, for example, Munson, Hoover and I will all be due or overdue a furlough. Whether following our conference in the near future with Harmon we shall have any clearer idea as to which of these men, and others, may be scheduled for furloughs in 1936 remains to be seen. If the three men mentioned are all to be out of the country, I am inclined to think it would have a decided influence upon the wisdom of bringing out a party from America next year.

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Will Lockwood is hoping to return to America this summer for a short furlough, returning early next year and retiring because of his 60th birthday in about two years time. Magill is leaving in a fortnight to take up his new work in the central region in America. Lennig Sweet, who has been brought down to Shanghai following Magill's resignation, is also returning with his family to America this summer on furlough. It looks as if I shall be the only American secretary on either the national or the local staff in Shanghai by the autumn. I shall not attempt to tell you what this spells in terms of responsibilities with which it is impossible to keep up.

If somehow our staff situation could be improved and we found ourselves in a position to handle a tour by some of the men whom you mention next year, my surmise is that our Chinese leaders would probably react to suggestions somewhat as follows. (1) I doubt if they would wish to ask you back so soon following your magnificent campaigns of last year. I believe they would think that more time is needed to assimilate the results of your last visit. (2) Since Crane is also a platform man, at his best in stimulating addresses to large audiences, I fancy our leaders here would feel that a visit from him in 1936 would be premature for the same reason that a return visit from you would be. (3) I am inclined to think that they might be glad (if they have the personnel in China to handle things) to invite Kirby Page and Niebur to come along.

If an invitation should go to Kirby Page I think they would desire him to meet college convocations, and smaller audiences for open forum discussions along the lines in which Kirby Page is so well versed. Under present conditions in the Far East I think they would wish him to major in his discussions on questions having to do with the social and economic system instead of directly promoting pacifist ideas. I do not mean that they would want to muzzle him for the sensible and balanced view of pacifism which he would undoubtedly present.

Personally I am inclined to think that Niebur, should he come to China, would best use his time by longer visits in a few centers where there are advanced students and sizable faculties of professors of the intellectual type. Peiping, Nanking, Shanghai, Canton and possibly Wuchang might be the limit of cities in which he could do his most effective work. If we were in a position to swing it and he were in a position to come, a retreat of twenty or twenty-five leading Christian thinkers, such as we had with Rufus Jones in 1926, might be very fruitful.

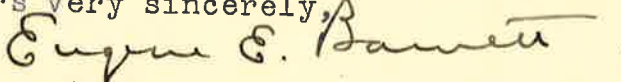
Please do not regard anything which I have written above as more than a confidential sharing with you of my reactions to your letter of February 26. We may find after we have had more time to canvas the subject that we are not in a position because of

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depleted leadership, American and foreign, to do anything in response to the opportunity which you have presented as possible. On the other hand, one does not wish to dismiss the whole matter without carefully and prayerfully considering it, as it would be splendid if we could follow this second year's program of the Youth and Religion Movement with some outstanding event following up your visit of last fall and the Chinese deputation which we plan to send out this fall.

Meanwhile I received a day or two ago a letter from Stanley Jones dated March 23 saying that you had urged him to come to China if an invitation should go to him from the N.C.C. and the Y.M.C.A. He says he is able to come for nine months, from August 1936 to the end of March 1937, but that he has had no word from either the N.C.C. or the Y.M.C.A. With Lobenstine leaving this summer for America (presumably to retire), with the general secretary of the Council still unprovided, and with the staff situation in the Council unsettled it is difficult for the Council to make a definite move just now I fancy. However I got hold yesterday of Ronald Rees, who was surprised that his colleague Dr. Tsui, had not written Stanley Jones of an earlier action of the Council proposing that he visit China in 1936. I understand that Rees is writing or is having written a letter to Stanley Jones today. I shall try to keep in touch with this matter also.

Yours very sincerely,


Eugene E. Barnett

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Kirby: Warren Hastings sent this letter to me. I know you'll get a kick out of it. H. F.

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Dr. J. Warren Hastings,
Seattle, Washington
Dear Dr. Hastings;

Mrs. Pierson and I drove into Seattle last Sunday to attend the Palm Sunday services at the University Christian church and enjoyed the morning services to the fullest extent. We would have had a very pleasant day had we not decided to remain in Seattle and hear Kirby Page at five o'clock.

I was greatly surprised and disappointed that the University church would permit that brand of propaganda to come from its pulpit. It is bad enough to hear such poisonous talk down on First and Yesler.

No one wants war but such communistic talks will not prevent it even were such men as Page able to turn our form of government into the communistic form where all religion is barred. It is very disgusting to me to hear a communistic talk given under the cloak of religion.

In my opinion the standard of the ministry was raised when Kirby Page quit it. No doubt his reason for quitting it was the fact that spreaders of such propaganda are better paid than the ministers. I cannot understand why our Universities allow such talks as they are responsible for the foolish students striking all over the country and when they all go on a strike at the same time it certainly is proof that such stuff is well organized and we have various other proofs that our Universities are full of communists.

I see no difference between Mr. Page and our so-called soap box orators except he is in position to draw larger crowds and command more money. In my opinion no man can be religious and not love his country especially when that country is the United States. Such talk as Mr. Page is spreading would eventually kill religion as well as patriotism.

I wouldn't put myself out at all to hear him again but if I heard of a group of God fearing patriotic men being formed to escort him or any other such speakers to the state line I would consider it a pleasure and honor to be among the group.

Yours truly,

O. W. Pierson

O.W. Pierson

Due West, S. C., Apr. 21,

My dear Mr. Page,

I have lived so "dangerously" for 25 years that tho the sociologists acknowledge the pre-eminence of my work I have never been in sight of a decent job in my chosen field, and today I am existing on $\frac{1}{3}$ a salary teaching Greek and German. Nor is there any escape for anybody that ventures to cherish individuality. You will not be able to organize fellowship against loneliness; for the world is in too hazardous a fix for any group to risk tolerating significant deviation. The F O R will crucify you as soon as it suits its purpose to do so. In the very nature of the case "institutions" (which means the personal tastes of some one else) put themselves ahead of any consideration for an individual. Brookwood used me for six years, as long as it suited its purpose, and then threw me out with a fanfare of nasty publicity such as no capitalist employer ever found it convenient to use against me. That is precisely what we must expect and there is no use of trying to organize against the nature of things. You'll have fellowship momentarily, as long as you and the other fellow happen to see eye to eye on the essentials of the moment. That is as much as you can expect while preserving personality.

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In instance, you can fellowship with people that refuse to participate in war; but you have no means of knowing that war is worse than the alternative peace. No one can tell whether there would be more misery and degradation in the U.S. in five years of civil war than in what we have been having. No one knows whether it is worse to kill people expeditiously than slowly, or whether a person is more debased by slaying than by the relative inanity of the way we have all been living. You chose to erect, according to moral taste and sentiment, a barrier against others seeking your ends; and your own canons of fellowship are naturally unable to hold yourselves together save ephemerally, till sentiments alter a bit.

"To foster good will among... classes". It might be all right to foster good will among individuals that happen to have been caught and fixed in different social levels; but your statement presumes to sweeten institutional iniquity. If classes are exploitative perversions why try to make them the repositories of any sort of fellowship save that generated within the group by the pressure of the situation? It is a fundamental error to propose fellowship that will recognize

and use inequitable groupings.

Moreover your "menace of monopoly" betrays a middle-class viewpoint. The workers' enemy is not monopoly, but competitive chaos. The most damaging phase of an economic system consists of the petty enterprises of backward-looking small-scale interests. The capitalists may be overbearing, but the middle-class is positively malignant; and inevitably so; because it is hopelessly beaten and naturally fascist. Fascism is not primarily a question of violence or dictatorship. It is merely the political ascendancy of an economically beaten middle-class. In so far as the socialist argument is so couched as to appeal to the farmer and the small merchant, it is fascist, whatever the intentions; and the same thing is true if the appeal is to the conventional trade-unionists, who are ruthless defenders of their own petty privileges. Any "Socialism" that would leave the petty farmer and store interests standing would be fascism. There is no possible compromise with middle-class medievalism.

I am sure I do not know what to do in the present situation. Either we

conforms, and is futile; or he is gradu-⁴
ally driven into a corner and insulated,
and is futile; and there is no group
that can be asked to save me from
such futility. My scholarship is uni-
versally acclaimed, as is my teaching
ability and my power to present the
most-far reaching viewpoints so as to
get next to any sort of audience; but
so long as I persist in being myself, no
one wants to be responsible for me. I am
working now in the most conservative college
in the state, and the president, knowing
in a general way my slant and why
I was ask of a job, says he will make a
sociology department for me; but what's
the use? The petty middle-class constitu-
ency would rise up against me in no
time at all. So far as I can see, I'm
through. Probably 25 years is as long a
lease of useful service as one can claim
under the system; but it is hard to vege-
late. It is obvious that sincerity and forth-
rightness will ruin anybody. Maybe it is
not so obvious that not even the groups
that acclaim what he has done, would
be any more willing themselves to support
his independence. Nobody wants any one
that is not a conformist.

Sincerely,
Arthur W. Calhoun

April 22, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

I have just discussed the problem of sending your books, etc. to California. The cheapest way is to send the stuff by water, but in order to protect them it will be necessary to use packing cases lined with waterproof paper. We estimate it will take about four or five of these cases at a cost of perhaps \$1.25 each. Will keep the cost down to a minimum but it is unwise to try to send this valuable stuff by water in boxes which are apt to get wet or break with handling - and what handling they do get!

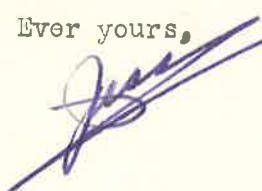
Mr. Gary says it is cheaper to ship your bookcases to you rather than buy new ones because they run into money. Consequently they will be carefully crated.

Are either of the wood files in your office yours? Or do they belong to the "Y." One of them has a number tacked to the front of it so I presume it belongs to the "Y". However, the cheaper (light colored) one I think is yours. It is falling apart so I don't think it would be worth shipping. One of the steel files which E & P purchased from W.T. contains part of your material. So altogether you have three four-drawer files full of stuff.

The stuff in the files will be taken out carefully just as filed, the folders tied in bundles and marked so you will have no difficulty putting it in another set of files. The geographical card list will be cared for in the same manner. Is the 5-drawer card file on top of your desk yours? And if it is, do you want it shipped?

Boats sail every Saturday and we will do our best to get the stuff out this week because it takes some time to get it to you. If we overlook anything it can be sent later when you check up. We will send along a list of what we are sending to you.

Ever yours,



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April 22, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
c/o "Christian Century"
440 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Page:

A week or so ago I sent the enclosed manuscript to the "Christian Century" for their consideration for publication. They did not find it available. This last week I was very much interested in your article and was greatly impressed with the similarity of the latter part of your article to the latter part of mine. It may be that that similarity had something to do with their not needing my manuscript, but that is not the point of my writing you.

I am sending you the manuscript merely because I thought you might be interested as I was, to note the great similarity in our points of view, about what religious radicals might be doing.

I have some doubts as to whether the Fellowship of Reconciliation is the channel through which this united action could take place. Maybe it is. If it is not, and could be modified in any way to make it such, it would be a tremendously opportune move. I feel very strongly that religious radicals (or as you call them, religious revolutionists) should certainly find some way of getting together. I am increasingly convinced that the church organized as it is at present, cannot be effective in a positive program for Social Reconstruction.

I am enclosing stamps for a return of the manuscript.

Very cordially,

Cecil C. North

CCN/BMH
ENC.

April 22, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

I am shocked that you did not receive the State Income Tax Blank for I sent you the one received originally direct from the bureau (everyone who pays a tax receives one automatically the following year) with your regular mail, and when you reminded me to send you one I secured another from the bank and sent it to you. It is too long ago for me to remember just where the second one was sent to you but it was most certainly sent for Mary remembers quite distinctly our securing it and sending it. I am not depending on my own memory on this point.

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Apr 5th

I have been after Hillman daily for the past week to get PROPERTY through. He is the most stubborn man in seventeen continents. I don't know whether he obtained a bigger order than yours or one which paid more money, or whether he laid off most of his help and is trying to get along with an office boy and a secretary, but at any rate he has been slower than a snail on this particular order. We have, however, wangled 500 out of him and are sending some to you today to Little Rock and you will receive them regularly thereafter. We have been working on your list and shall shoot them out immediately until that is covered, beginning today. E & P are handling PROPERTY O.K. Don't worry about that. We certainly need some new stuff. I quite agree with you on that point.

No record of having received your letter to be sent to Fellowship members. Mary has checked and so have I and neither one can find it or has seen it. Send a copy, please, and I'll shoot it out. The regular meeting of the Fellowship has been called for April 25 and Sherwood will be here for it. Frances Perry will "spout". (She'd probably shoot me if she heard me call it that).

This office is a bddlam these days - with lectures, books and summer trip - but we'll manage somehow. We usually do. You will see from letters enclosed what honorariums I am depositing. It will keep the old pot boiling, eh what? We're going to have one star Seminar this year. Bishop Baker of San Francisco and Mrs. Baker have just signed up.

I have just returned from an Easter weekend with my sister in the country. Am feeling first-rate. Hope you are the same. How is the house coming, although I don't suppose you know shooting around the country as you are. Well, Alma will keep the hammers knocking.

Ever yours,

P.S. S.E. had a stomach attack last week. Thought we'd have to cancel some dates but didn't. He is doing too much. We hold him down to one or two speaking dates a day and he gets soft and lets them crowd him with three or four. Mrs. Eddy and I both gave him a talking to - but it probably won't do any good.



SALINE
VALLEY
FARMS
SALINE, MICH.

April 23, 1935

Dear Kirby I ought to feel ashamed, and do, for I know that I should write a letter for you deserve a real long letter. However, I feel sure you will get the note & the letter may never be written. I shall admit to you that I never spent three grander days in N.Y. than with Bernita & my admiration for her went up ever so much. We talked the whole situation over & she is in agreement with me that as long as Laura wants to try & rebuild must, or that as long as a divorce might produce so much of bitterness &

hated & resentment, I cannot go thru with it. Since that trip
Kaura has been really trying and we have made progress. My
decision to drop all thought of divorce has helped. I have
every reason to believe that Kaura is as much a factor in Kaura's
life as ever. Kaura is to be with her at Lowell all summer. I
do not in the least begrudge Kaura ^{the friendship} I only ask that she
grant me the same freedom to love & continue my friendship
with Bernita. Kaura has said that so long as there is no thought
of divorce, I may continue to write Bernita & this I have done.
It is far from a wholly satisfactory ^{solution} of our problem but I
doubt if there is any such solution. Now Bernita has come to
me so much to me that for a time, at least, the bottom would
drop out of life if I had to let her go. I am far from convinced
that God is asking me to do that. I know that the change that
has come over Kaura is in no small part due to your efforts &
prayers & I am deeply grateful. We both still need those prayers
Love Harold.

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April 23, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
240 So. Bright Ave.
Whittier, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Your last letter inquiring about our policy in regard to pacifism reached me while I was in the East trying to raise some funds to carry us through the year, and I have waited to answer it until my return. Please pardon the delay.

The policy of the school on this point is not to weight any one solution but to try and give an impartial presentation of all points of view. This goes for all political questions. It is our aim, of course, to train workers who will work for a workers' world, but the main emphasis of our work is in preparing leaders for the trade union movement. The emphasis is upon work within existing organizations.

Having given as sincerely as we are able an objective presentation of all working class philosophies and points of view we leave the choice of actual identification up to the individual students.

Hoping that this answers your question and with warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

James Dombrowski
James Dombrowski
Secretary



Student League for Industrial Democracy

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THE STUDENT OUTLOOK

Kirby Page
Whittier College,
Whittier, Cal.

April 24, 1935

Dear Comrade Page,

I recently spoke to Dr. Laidler about my search for a college and a scholarship, and he suggested that I write to you. Here is the tale:

You are probably familiar with the case of the 21 City College students who were expelled in 1934 for anti-fascist activity in connection with the visit of the fascist students last Oct. I was a member of the Student Council committee to greet the fascist students, and so was among the number expelled.

While at CCNY I was the organizer of the local chapter of the Student LID. Since expulsion I have been N.Y. secretary of the Student LID, save for a month which I spent abroad as delegate of the Student LID to the World Student Congress at Brussels. Recently I resigned as secretary in order to spend all of my time looking for college and livelihood.

When expelled from CCNY I was a sophomore, eighteen years old, the holder of a New York State Scholarship. At present I am but a few months older, minus my scholarship, and the holder of a year's credit. All I have is my determination to finish the social science studies which I started at CCNY.

My means are too limited to enable me to pay tuition, so I can go only to a college where I would have no tuition to pay. On the basis of my work in high school and at City College, on the basis of the scholarship which I forfeited, on the basis of recommendations from Dean Gottschall of CCNY, Norman Thomas, and others, I hope to be able to secure one.

Can you help me? Please write as soon as is convenient. I will be glad to send you any further information you desire.

Yours for Socialism,

Morris Milgram
Morris Milgram

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April 25 - 1935,

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I agree to do the following work
at 3947 - 48 St. Sunnyside ground floor apt.

Remove partition between living and
bed room, trim opening, repair floor
remove and reset electric fixture,

clean stain and finish floors of living
room and bed room to match.

Paint walls of five rooms & vestibule
paint walls and wood work in two
bath rooms and kitchen, paint
ceiling in bed room, paint porch

All colors to be selected and
satisfactory to Mr. J. S. Kuk

Estimate \$100 -

To repairing kitchen door, roof of porch
and broken window \$8.00

Total \$108.00

April 25, 1935.

Superintendent of Documents,
U. S. Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed please find 5¢ for which please
send to Mr. Page the bulletin "Hotbeds and Cold-
frames" (Agriculture Dept. Farmers' Bulletin 1743).

Please send this as follows:

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, Calif.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Encl.

SHERWOOD EDDY
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 25, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

I like your article for "The Christian Century" very much indeed. I hope you are not planning to bring it out as a separate pamphlet, but that we can use it as the climax of a pamphlet which I am going to propose. Little reprints like "If War Is Sin" do not fit into our pamphlet scheme at all. I prefer pamphlets that we can sell for 10¢ each or three for 25¢.

We shall need several pamphlets for next year. One should be on War and Peace, in which you would write the first part and I the second part, giving my testimony, revised, as I did in "The Abolition of War". Second, we want a devotional Bible study course. I will look over "Living Triumphantly", "The Personality of Jesus", Oldham's Diary and other things, and let you know. It will be used for years to come and we cannot rush it just now until we are sure of what we want.

We need also a pamphlet on Capitalism, Fascism, Communism, and Socialism (whatever the title may be) in which your article "A Program of Action" would come as the climax at the end. What would you say to an Eddy and Page pamphlet on these social systems, in which I would write a brief introduction, you would then take extracts from your various books, including the F.O.R. pamphlet on Fascism or a revision of it and finally put in your program at the end? Could you make these selections as soon as you go back home to California? It ought not to take very long. If you could not possibly do it, I think I could do it in May, but I would prefer to have you do it if you can. Please let me hear from you soon as to whether you could do half a pamphlet on War and make these selections on these social systems about which we ought to have some material that is very clear and practical.

I like your "Property" pamphlet very much and we shall use some thousands of them. Please do not expect us to use brief reprints of articles.

I will write you about the house later on.

Ever affectionately yours,

Sherwood

Mr. Kirby Page,
c/o Marshall Steele,
Winfield Memorial Church,
Little Rock, Ark.

SE/L

April 26 1935
4010 - 44th St.

My dear Mr. Page,

I called City Housing to inquire about drawing up the lease for your apartment, and Mrs. Pierson informed me that City Housing is not going to manage the house, and at the present time doesn't know who will. She suggested however that we get several estimates and send them directly to you. This makes the delay in renting the apartment rather awkward. We have a gentleman's agreement to give thirty days notice

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for him, as it is important to get our
answer by May 1st. If you wish to
let us handle the redecorating for you
we will gladly take care of it. We
would like a satisfactory arrangement
& no misunderstanding. Would you
like us to draw up a lease and
mail it on to you for signature?
If so we will do it in that manner.

Mrs. Page will you please wire
us if you cannot get an answer
otherwise to us by May 1st. We
appreciate your prompt attention, and
will await an answer from you
Sincerely yours
Mrs. J. D. Fish.

before moving. That means that we must
move definitely by May 1, 1935. We are
pleased with the apartment and would
like very much to take it. The
estimates we are enclosing are given
to us by very reliable men who have
done work in Sunnyside homes and
have an excellent reputation. Mr. Brody,
has been doing repairs and work in
your apartment through Mrs. Levin. He
is very familiar with the place & does
very neat & very satisfactory work. I
am sending these two estimates because
they are the least expensive ones and
also quite reliable ones.

Mr. Keck is at present in
Washington D.C., and so I am writing

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April 26, 1935.

Mr. J. S. Kuh
40-10 44 Street
Sunnyside, L. I.

Premises: 39-47 48th Street
Sunnyside, L. I.

Dear Sir:

We hereby submit an estimate for the following work to be done at the above premises:

Rough Carpentry: Remove partition between the living room and bedroom. Repair floor to match the balance of floor also replace base moulding and ceiling moulding, where necessary. Re-plaster ceilings and walls, where necessary.
This work to be done for the sum of.....\$30.00

If a new beam is needed to support ceiling, same is to be installed, encased in properly. \$28.00 extra.

Finished Carpentry: Adjust all windows and doors to fit. Repair all hardware and put same in good working condition. Box in steam pipe in living room.
This work to be done for the sum of.....\$12.00

If a new outside kitchen door is required, there will be an extra charge of \$15.00

Interior Painting: Redecorate apartment as follows:
All ceilings are to be properly washed, cracks cut out, replastered sized and re-calculated. All walls are to be properly prepared and receive one coat of paint. Woodwork is to receive one coat of enamel. This applies to all rooms except kitchen which is to receive two coats of paint on the walls and one coat of woodwork. All floors are to be washed, bleached and receive one coat of pure shellac.
This work to be done for the sum of.....\$80.00

Roofing: Repair leak over sun porch.....\$4.00

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Mr. S. S. Kth

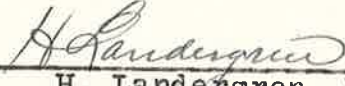
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This work is to be done in a good workmanship manner for the
total sum of\$126.00

I should also like to advise you to have the living room
floor re-scraped and finished with two coats of pure shellac
due to the fact that when the petition is taken out and that
part of floor is replaced with new flooring, there will be a
distinct difference between the old and new floor which will
show up very badly, unless entire floor is re-finished.

For this work, there will be an extra charge of \$8.00.

Respectfully submitted


H. Landergren, Pres.

Windsor, Vermont,
April 26, '35,

Dear Kirby:

The article is timely and sound. I hope it may be reprinted in form to use at forums etc.

On the copy I have noted several corrections and a couple of editorial suggestions.

Here are a few suggestions that need not increase the length considerably. They might pertain to the sections indicated:

1. In evangelism, one wins converts sometimes as much by his spirit as by his argument. Sound reasons are essential; but the best reasons and logic avail little without good spirit.

Be careful in indicting a system and pointing out the responsibility of those who profit by it and perpetuate it, not to pronounce bitter personal judgment on individuals by name.

4. A parade must be more than a mobilization of forces for a general objective; it should state a case or define an issue clearly.

7 and 12. The display windows of unrented stores may often be obtained, without charge, for such displays.

10. Analyze your community to learn what resources you have at your disposal. Use all agencies at your disposal — are there any friends of peace among school teachers, librarians, editors, club leaders, businessmen, y sometimes, labor leaders, ministers, etc.?

22. These are not two separate functions of religion — the salvation of the individual and the salvation. An individual is not saved in a vacuum, and society cannot usefully be considered apart from human beings. There is one gospel and it involves man in his social relationships.

22. Many a Christian has never found the power of God in his own life until he has undertaken something dangerous, requiring powers outside himself.

Best wishes, As ever,

Rae.

Emmett, Idaho
April 27, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Page:

I have just finished reading your pamphlet, "Property". I have been much interested in it. You possibly will not care to reply to this letter, but I felt moved to write a bit of criticism on the pamphlet.

I am a member of a Pacifist church, "The Church of the Brethren". I am utterly opposed to violence in the settlement of disputes in any form and under all conditions. I recently signed up with the "Fellowship of Reconciliation". I am t/hough with our Capitalistic form of economics, and deplore the inroads it has made into our Government.

With the foregoing as an introduction let me suggest the following; and if you care to, your answers would be highly appreciated by me, as I want all the light I can get on these and related subjects.

1. In the main I agreed with your thesis.
2. I very much appreciate your emphasis on "Non-violent methods".
3. I wonder whether you do not betray too much fear of the Communists? I am not a communist, and have no remote connections with their party; however, I feel that there is something to be said in favor of the communistic philosophy. Certainly a Godless communism cannot be any more destructive of personality than a Godless capitalism. As I see it, the trouble with Russia is not Communism, pure and simple, but the excesses to which their system has gone: irreligion and a super-emphasis on materialism. Certainly the early church practised communism. It is to be deplored that the only communistic experiments in America were made by persons and groups incapable of commanding the respect of the larger group; and that often the leadership seemed to be lacking in mental and other capacities.
4. I wonder if you go far enough in your thesis? Is it not more a matter of principle than of any system? My observation and thinking leads me to believe that the little capitalist is about as much of an evil as are the Morgans, the Mellons and their like.
5. It seems to me that there would be a danger of conflict where basic industries were socialized while lesser important ones were left under the present system. I am sure you suggest careful regulation of such lesser industries, but how such regulation would tend to become complicated! Going further: if the average store-keeper or small business man saw a group of people with an adequate income, would it not be highly probable that at least some such would soon become super-capitalists again? In any event a dual system would tend to tempt the

little business man into practices which would again start the old vicious cycle. He ought to be socialized too, it seems to me.

6. You have said little about another phase of the subject. Possibly it does not come within the range of your subject at all, but I cannot help thinking it has a place in its consideration. The human needs more regeneration than he now has to make any economic system all it ought to mean to the most people. Selfishness in any system is damning. It is the outstanding sin of the capitalist. It will be the outstanding sin of the socialist or of any other conceivable representative person imaginable. Along with our efforts toward social reform, ought not we to remember that the great need for reform is first of all in the hearts of men?

7. You suggest that complete socialization would not be desirable nor possible: that it would be too great a shock to have it happen suddenly. Possibly you are right. I wonder, however, whether there is not need for a willingness "to go all the way" so far as we have any light at all? Yes, it may mean a social upheaval, an earthquake, so to speak, a cataclysm (non-violent, let us hope). As Carl Barth would suggest, even in connection with personal regeneration; a spiritual crisis must take place, an upheaval, a spiritual earthquake. Well, the old system is dying, why not get rid of it as soon as possible even if it does take an earthquake to bring it about? What if we must completely orient ourselves? I live in the west, in the Rocky Mountain section. The beauty of this section is the result of volcanic action, upheaval, earthquake etc. I believe we shall have a decent social set up only as we submit to the social upheavals that may come. We need to have all things ~~all~~ economic "made new".

Again, let me suggest, in the main I much enjoyed your pamphlet, and got real help from it. The criticisms are only my re-actions to some of the suggestions, implications and statements in it.

May God bless you in your efforts to help bring about a warless world, and an economic order fit for the sons of men ~~all~~ to live in.

Very Truly Yours,

Clement Bontrager

Pastor of the Emmett, Idaho, Church of the Brethren, Emmett, Idaho.

St. Hugh's College, Oxford.
April 27, 1935.

Dear Mr. Page,

You will not remember me, but I used to see you at the Geneva Y.W. Conferenc when I was in Student Work in the Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor.

I was certainly stimulated by your article in the Christian Century regarding the statement that War is Sin. Last week when I was in Birmingham, Canon Morris (of the Cathedral) was telling us about a clerical Pacifist group, and while it may not be of any news value, especially as his original letter wnet out last summer, it struck me as being a fairly significant move.

Canon Morris wrote to some two hundred Anglican clergy in the vicinity of Birmingham, suggesting the need of a pacifist stand within the Anglican Church such as existed in the Free Churches. After replying to his letter, a group of them met and planned a Communion Service to which about thirty came. Before receiving the Communion, this group of clergy took a common pledge, quoting two sentences from the Manifesto of the Christian Pacifist Groups, "Each of us is bound in loyalty to say; 'Because war is against the character and purpose of God, I will not only take no part in it, I will strive to make it everywhere and always impossible.' As Christians, we must take all the risks involved in positive peace-making both for ourselves and for those whom we love."

It is hoped that small Pacifist units might grow up in local parishes, and at least one such unit already exists of about eight members.

I was also interested in what you wrote about United Fronts, especially when visiting South Wales at an I.S.S. Conference where we saw various ideas being tried out regarding uniting with Communists.

But a great deal seems to be happening in America, and after being away two years, I am wondering If I shall recognize America! And going to Berkeley, California, I gather I shall be in the thick of where things are moving pretty fast!

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen B. Gammaek

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April 29, 1935.

Dr. Kirby Page,
Whittier, California.

Dear Dr. Page:

Since writing you I have learned that the date we had set for our Family Institute---namely, June 29th to July 6th, conflicts with the Institute of International Relations at Mills College.

We have, therefore, changed the date of our Institute to July 6th to 13th. We are hoping that this will fit in with your plans so that when you come to the Institute of International Relations you can stay on for our Institute.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver H. Langdon

Oliver H. Langdon.

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Augusta, Michigan
April 29, 1935.

Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Comrade Page:-

I have just returned from Lansing after spending the day there with some of the Comrades. I have been informed that when you appeared in Lansing some time as a speaker on the L.I.D. lecture series that bother Comrade Mr. and Mrs. Fagen used you in a most "rotten" manner. Though an able person she has been the greatest disruptive factor in the entire Michigan movement.

The local Comrades have preferred charges against her. Will you please send me at once a statement describing the way in which they assisted in the sabotaging of your Lansing meeting. You certainly must remember Mrs. Fagen for she has caused you trouble on at least one other occasion that I know of, namely last year when you spoke to the Methodist ministers in Lansing. Mr. Fagen was the man who acted as chairman of your Lansing meeting.

A letter from you on this matter will be most acceptable to the Lansing Comrades who are loyal to the Party, the State Executive Committee and myself.

I haven't seen you since last April which is quite a long time. Will your speaking schedule during the next six months bring you near Michigan, if so could you give us any time? I would like to plan for a series of picnics during August and you are just the man to fill the bill. If you are free during August will you please give me your free dates and also what you would expect the Party to pay you?

Fraternally yours,

Arthur E. Larsen

Arthur E. Larsen

State Secretary

Socialist Party of Michigan.

Curtis Oaks Christian Church

2961 TWENTY-FOURTH ST.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT L. MINARD
Minister

April 30, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Page:

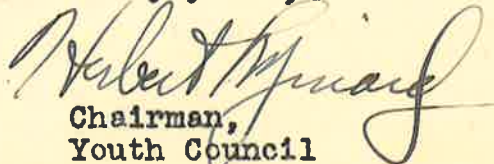
The Sacramento Church Federation desires to sponsor a program for young people centering around the general theme of "Christian Youth Building a New World." It is our hope to climax this program with a mass meeting on a Sunday evening which will involve the major share of churches in this city. We would like to hold this meeting on the last Sunday in May.

If your schedule will permit it, and if we are able to care for the financial items involved, we want to extend the invitation to you to be our chief speaker. Since our program can be changed somewhat in reference to the actual dates, will you please advise us when you could arrange to come? Please inform us, too, concerning financial arrangements necessary.

We believe that there is a real need for the sort of emphasis that you could give to young people in a message on the suggested theme. Sacramento, as you are aware, is a city whose life is colored to a large degree by a certain type of thinking which is stimulated by war veterans' organizations and a conservative brand of political leadership. We believe that this is a strategic hour for the Sacramento churches to voice a vital expression of the genuine Christian message for today.

We trust that our situation may prove attractive to you, and that we may have the privilege of your fellowship with us. I am

Sincerely yours,


Chairman,
Youth Council

MIMS THORNBURGH WORKMAN
THE METHODIST CHURCH
RICHMOND, MISSOURI

April 30, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear friend:

I hope my grandmother was able to carry out her intention of seeing you when you spoke at her church in Little Rock and to express to you my greetings. I feel I owe you much of encouragement in the starting off of our young men's forum. I was delighted to be able at the Youth Conference at Kansas City a few weeks ago to help our local young people's group get some of your books for use in their programs.

-and
for the
books

you did by
way

I am serving an old folks' church. I started out to put the younger business men in the place of opportunity and leadership where they belong. These starts have met with rebuff on the part of the old-timers.

I started to say you have no idea - but I'm sure you have - how much the church is used as a means of distinction by people whose motives do not correspond with those the New Testament preaches. People who have no status in any other community agency, maybe, or else have added their church positions to their list of memberships and offices after the order of the Indian stringing up another scalp on his belt.

For instance: I have on my Board of Stewards a man who sells liquor, and I am told he sells it by the drink, which is a violation of the state law. Two of my members sell beer. The Chairman of the Board of Stewards in a town a few miles from here sells liquor in his drug store. Some of the people in my congregation wince when the man I have first referred to comes up to take the collection. He will not be a member of the Board next year.

One thing I know: the revival our older brethren pray for would not mean at first an increase in the church. It would mean a sifting.

I had the fun recently of stating the reasons for my pacifist position before a Rotary Club marked here and there by military uniforms.

Best wishes for you and
yours truly
Mims Thornburgh
Workman

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April 30, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

The Atlanta Post No. 1 of the American Legion in an attack on the Southern Institute of International Relations to be held in this city June 10-19 makes the following reference:

"KIRBY PAGE - His principal endeavor is to solicit for the Garland Fund, the most unwholly, anti-christian, anti-social influence in the United States. It was established by Chas. Garland, of Massachusetts who served a term in the state penitentiary for establishing a 'Free Love Colony'. The outfit was formerly known as 'The Garland Free Love Fund' but that name didn't sound so well. It is now used to support Emma Goldman's Anarchist School and several communist papers but its support is always available to spread communism."

Please give me immediately the facts necessary for a complete and detailed refutation of these statements, which are characteristic of the tone of the whole letter. We propose to bring the facts to the attention of responsible leaders of the Legion Post and make them available to others who are interested.

Thanking you for an immediate response to this request, I am

Yours very truly,

RBE:mm

R. B. Eleazer.

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

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April 30th, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Ave.,
Whittier, California.

Dear Kirby:

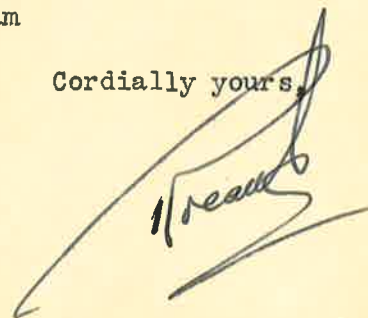
Since writing you on March 15th concerning the situation in Sunnyside further developments have taken place about which you have perhaps heard from the Consolidated Committee. There is now in the community a concerted move to refrain from all payments to the City Housing Corporation until they and the holders of the 1st and 2nd Mortgages agree to a satisfactory readjustment in line with the present evaluation and earning power of the Sunnyside property. There are now over 300 families refraining from payment and 350 who are cooperating with the Committee in one way or another. Sherwood and I as well as most of your other friends are in on this.

I assume that you have been receiving communications from the Committee, including the report on evaluation and earning prepared by Professor Freiderick. If not you should send for these at once. Freiderick's study is an amazing revelation and apparently while being viciously attacked by the City Housing Corporation is being sustained by numerous impartial authorities.

I send this word to you entirely off my own bat because you raised the question with me some time ago.

With sincere good wishes always, I am

Cordially yours,



ARElliott
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ATLANTIC HOTEL

QUINTA ALMEIDA

FUNCHAL - MADEIRA

TELEPHONE, 420

Atlantic Hotel
Estrada. Portugal

April 30 - 1935

Dear Mr. Page -

A few days ago I
came across your kind letter of
January 28 - which I read with
great interest, of course. I was
horrified & think that I
never replied to the letter, &
my only explanation is that
I left home the end of January,
& was in Washington & New York
for some days (partly peace),
& then sailed for Madeira
Island. Since then my

me & I have visited Tenerife
(Canary Islands) besides our
three weeks in lovely Madeira;
& then we came to Portugal.

Meanwhile my correspondence
suffered, especially as I could
not get much help at my
improvised desks - & some
letters which I should naturally
have answered promptly got
dislaid or buried in letters &
papers. - Mrs. also, was
away there - & I feel badly.

Of course I was interested
& proud of your work & I

Know you are doing a great
deal for the enlightenment of
hosts of young & older people.
I earnestly trust that you

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are keeping well, & that
all yours happily with the
family in Whittier. - I
remember passing through Whit-
tier on my way to Los Angeles
some years ago - so I can
picture a little how you are
all situated. -

I see your handwriting in the
Christian Century now-a-days, &
am grateful for the steady
improvement of the magazine.

Now comes the hard part
of my letter - for I can't bear
to tell you that I really
must draw in on my expenses,
& that I cannot do half

I want to for our wonderful
& so-needed Peace Cause &
Peace Education! — But
I cannot decide what my
business adviser solemnly (though
sympathetically) tells me, — &
has just written me. I
shall be obliged to cut down
practically all my contributions
for a time. — So, dear Postage,
instead of saying right off
"I've hunched towards Kathy
Pape's budget," I have to say
I will gladly send you
two hundred for this year,
beginning July first. —
If I delay after July 1st, don't
hesitate to remind me.

We shall be at home early

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in June - & I hope I
may see you soon
after & hear of the wonderful
things you are doing. -

With hearty greetings &

Very fondly, I am

Yours faithfully

Rev. J. J. J.

Baldwin
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